

Application No. 09/344,826
RCE Submission dated November 28, 2005

REMARKS

Claims 2, 10, and 18 have been amended. Claims 1, 4, 12, and 20 have been canceled. Claims 44-67 are withdrawn. Claims 2, 3, 5-11, 13-19, and 21-43 are currently pending in the application.

A few minor errors in the detailed description have been corrected.

In the final office action dated July 27, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 2-3, 5, 7-11, 13, 15-19, 21, and 23-43 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Judice (USPN 3,937,878). The Examiner objected to claims 4, 6, 12, 14, 20, and 22 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection and requests reconsideration of the application.

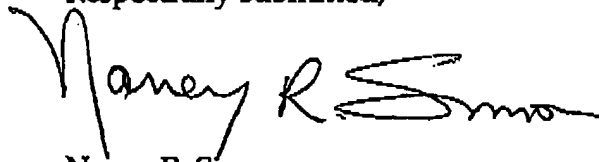
The Examiner stated in the final office action that claims 4, 12, and 20 would be allowable if re-written in independent form with all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 10, and 18 to include claims 4, 12, and 20. Applicant therefore submits independent claims 1, 10, and 18 as amended are allowable over Judice.

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In light of the amendments and discussion above, Applicant believes that all claims currently remaining in the application are allowable and respectfully requests allowance of such claims.

Date: November 28, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy R. Simon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Nancy" being the most prominent part.

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